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## Bedell Smith Sees No Revolt Under Stalin

Lieut. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, former United States Ambassador to Russia, said yesterday the Soviet Communist system "carries the seeds of its own destruction," but he doesn't think it can be overthrown by revolution "in our lifetime."

"The Roman Empire lasted 600 years after disintegration set in," he said. "Don't hold your breath until there is a revolution against Communist rule there."

Smith, Ambassador to Russia from 1946 to 1949 and now head of the United States Central Intelligence Agency, made the statement at a press conference. He said he wanted to correct the impression given by some advance publicity for a book published today for which he wrote an introduction.

The book is "Journey for Our Time," a translation of the "Journals of the Marquis de Custine" by Phyllis Penn Kohler. She is the wife of Foy Kohler, director of the Voice of America.

In his introduction, which was billed in some quarters as a forecast of revolution in Russia, Smith said the oppressed Russian masses will eventually revolt and demand the "right to live as a free people."

But he said it would be premature to expect a revolt during the time of Soviet Premier Josef Stalin, because the eyes of the Russian people are still not open.

"We must do what we can to hasten the process to open the eyes of the Russian people," he said.

## Russian Revolt Long Way Off Inevitable, Gen. Smith Says

Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, former Ambassador to Moscow, looks for no political upheaval in Russia in his lifetime but he foresees the day when the Russians will demand "the right to live as a free people."

Now head of the Central Intelligence Agency, Gen. Smith said yesterday that development in Russia of the "kind of civilized society with which the rest of the world can live" will be a slow process.

Gen. Smith expressed belief that the Soviet system would survive the death of Premier Stalin without a major upheaval.

The Soviet system carries itself the seeds of its own destruction," Gen. Smith said. "There is nothing to suggest an imminent political crisis in the Soviet Union, but I think there will be one in the foreseeable future."

Gen. Smith added:

"Centuries of history can not be spanned in a matter of years. The change must come primarily through the Russian people themselves when their eyes have been opened and when they can demand their heritage, the right to live as a free people."

Gen. Smith has written the introduction to a newly published translation of the journals of the Marquis de Custine, a Frenchman who traveled in Russia in 1789 when Nicholas I was Czar.

The marquis, a monarchist, went to Moscow admittedly to find arguments against representative government. His disillusionment resulted in a report on despotism and the Russian people, which Gen. Smith could be called "the best" produced about the